

marks a significant shift away from allowing states to determine for themselves what type of policy is best. Proponents of this legislation state that the bill offers states the right to "opt out" of this regulation, but the truth is that the states already have the right to determine their own policy towards gambling without any broader federal regulation that threatens to undermine their control over licensing standards and enforcement actions.

CELEBRATING 90TH BIRTHDAY OF
REV. THEODORE M. HESBURGH,
C.S.C.

SPEECH OF

HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 9, 2007

Mr. KING of New York. Madam Speaker, today I rise as a proud alumnus of the University of Notre Dame law school and ask my colleagues to join me in supporting H. Res. 687, recognizing Reverend Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., for his contributions to the civil rights movement in the United States, his tireless work to reduce the threat of nuclear conflict, and his efforts to secure the peaceful resolution of international conflicts.

As president of Notre Dame, Father Hesburgh worked to bring the university to the forefront of American institutions of higher education. Over the 35 years that he served as president, the university's enrollment, degrees awarded and the size of the faculty all greatly increased. Additionally, under Father Hesburgh's tenure, women were first admitted to the undergraduate program in 1972.

Father Hesburgh is known as one of the 20th century's most influential figures in higher education. He served on many commissions and study groups, including serving as chairman of the International Federation of Catholic Universities from 1963 to 1970. In this capacity, he led a movement to redefine the nature and mission of the contemporary Catholic university, drawing from his experiences in American Catholic universities.

Father Hesburgh's accomplishments, however, are not limited to higher education. Throughout his distinguished career, Father Hesburgh has devoted himself to the cause of justice and human rights throughout the world. He has held 16 Presidential appointments for 10 presidents—President Eisenhower through the current President Bush. In these positions, Father Hesburgh was involved in shaping policy on major social issues including civil rights, peaceful uses of atomic energy, campus unrest and treatment of Vietnam offenders.

Furthermore, Father Hesburgh served four Popes, three as permanent Vatican City representative to the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna from 1956 to 1970. He was a charter member of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, created in 1957, and he chaired the Commission from 1969 to 1972. In 1971, he joined the board of the Overseas Development Council, a private organization supporting interests of the underdeveloped world, and chaired it until 1982. During the 1980s he was involved in a private initiative that sought to unite scientists and religious leaders in condemning nuclear weapons. In 1982, he helped organize a meeting in Vatican City of 58 sci-

entists who called for the elimination of nuclear weapons and then brought together six spiritual leaders who endorsed this view.

In recognition of his many efforts in America and throughout the world, Father Hesburgh was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal in 2000 and the Medal of Freedom in 1964, the Nation's highest civilian honor. His service to his country is an inspiration to all and it has been my honor to know him.

Father Hesburgh once said, "My basic principle is that you don't make decisions because they are easy . . . you make them because they're right." He has certainly lived his life by those words and it is an honor to be recognizing today the outstanding life of this great man.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DEVIN NUNES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 10, 2007

Mr. NUNES. Madam Speaker, on the legislative day of Wednesday, October 10, 2007, I was unavoidably detained and was unable to cast a vote on a number of rollcall votes. Had I been present, I would have voted: rollcall No. 959—"yea"; rollcall No. 960—"nay."

A PROCLAMATION HONORING DANIEL WIGGINS, SR., ON HIS INDUCTION TO THE OHIO VETERANS HALL OF FAME

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 10, 2007

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Daniel Wiggins, Sr., has served during three war periods; and

Whereas, he is a Life Member and Past Commander of American Legion Post 84 and a Life Member of V.F.W. Post 2901 where he served as Jr. and Sr. Commander; and

Whereas, Mr. Wiggins is a charter and life member of AMVETS Post 70 and served as Commander for four terms; and

Whereas, he served as the Guernsey County Veterans Service Officer for 21 years; and

Whereas, Daniel Wiggins, Sr., is a member and President of the Guernsey County Veterans Service Commission for the past 16 years and a former member of the GOVA Advisory Board; and

Whereas, he is a member and immediate past President of the Ohio State Association of the Veterans service Commissioners; and

Whereas, he is the past president of the DAV National Commanders and Adjuncts Association and he is a volunteer DAV van driver; and

Whereas, Mr. Wiggins is the past President of the Veterans Association of State Commanders and Adjuncts for Ohio; and

Whereas, Mr. Wiggins has been appointed to Congressman Space's Veterans Advisory Council; now, therefore, be it

Resolved That along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I commend and thank Daniel Wiggins, Sr., for his contributions to his community and

country. Congratulations to Daniel Wiggins, Sr., on his induction to the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame.

IN HONOR OF DAVID AND CAROL BURGESS LACKLAND AND THEIR EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE TO THE ARTS AND EDUCATION

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 10, 2007

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to two generous patrons of the arts and of education, David and Carol Burgess Lackland, whose service to the communities of northwest New Jersey is nearly unparalleled.

As a 1954 graduate of Centenary College, the only 4-year college in northwest New Jersey, Carol has long been a strong supporter of her alma mater. Her husband, David, also serves as a trustee for the college. Tomorrow, thanks to their extraordinary support, Centenary will break ground on the new David and Carol Lackland Center, which will serve as a hub for cultural events, education, and activities not only for the college but for the region.

The 68,000-square-foot performing arts center will include a 500-seat state-of-the-arts theater, a dance studio, a blackbox performance space, and more. The center will include classroom space where students will learn about the latest techniques and technologies available for communications and performing arts from backstage as well.

Already, Centenary offers some of the most expansive cultural opportunities in the region. The Centenary Performing Arts Guild, which has been around for about two decades and is the only Actors' Equity theater in the region—presents more than 130 performances a year. With this new facility, the region will have even greater access to high-quality performing arts programming, and I commend David and Carol Burgess Lackland for their contribution to the college community and the surrounding area.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE BRING BACK THE 70'S STREET CLUB

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 10, 2007

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Bring Back the 70's Street Club (BB70), a community improvement organization, located in Cleveland, Ohio.

The story of BB70's inception is an inspiring one. Concerned Cleveland residents, on March 10, 2004, decided to gather and discuss their vision for a safer, more secure, and more beautiful Cleveland. Since its first event, the "Spring Clean Up," the social entrepreneurs who founded BB70 have demonstrated an admirable commitment to northeast Ohio. BB70 accomplishments include instituting a community gardening project, creating a drug-free zone, posting security cameras and surveillance equipment, demolishing

burned buildings, hosting an out of school bash, and starting a mural youth project.

A multitude of organizations and residents, through BB70, continue to work towards developing the Cleveland community and improving civic engagement. Local merchants, banks, companies, schools, law enforcement officers, and other organizations have welcomed and aided the BB70 cause as their success is dependent on BB70's mission.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognizing the great accomplishments of the Bring Back the 70's Street Club in its mission to improve their communities for current and future Cleveland residents.

CONGRATULATIONS TO BARBARA ROSSMANN

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 10, 2007

Mr. LEVIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Barbara Rossmann as she receives the 2007 "Alexander Macomb Citizen of the Year" award from the March of Dimes.

This award goes to the heart of what Barbara Rossmann means to health care in southeast Michigan. She is a leader and visionary in the field of health care. Her commitment to building relationships and partnerships, as well as her determination to create a superior environment for patients and families, has led to numerous advancements in our local health care system.

Barbara Rossmann joined St. Joseph's Healthcare in 1999 as executive vice president and chief operating officer. She was appointed president and chief executive officer in 2004. Since assuming this role, Barbara Rossmann has led the implementation of a \$30 million expansion project at Henry Ford Macomb Hospital in Clinton Township, as well as a multi-million dollar investment in integrated computer systems. With these systems and the implementation of evidence-based processes, Henry Ford Macomb Hospital is providing patients and physicians with the nation's most advanced care and safety environment through an electronic medical record.

In July 2007, Ms. Rossmann helped lead the St. Joseph's Healthcare transition from joint ownership by Trinity Health and Henry Ford Health System to full ownership by Henry Ford Health System. With this change, Ms. Rossmann was named president and CEO of Henry Ford Macomb Hospitals, which encompasses the former St. Joseph's Healthcare as well as the former Henry Ford Bi-County Hospital, now Henry Ford Macomb Hospital—Warren Campus.

Her commitment to the southeast Michigan region extends beyond her work through Henry Ford Macomb Hospitals. She is a board member of the Sterling Heights Chamber and Macomb Community Bank. She serves on Macomb County's County Health Plan Board and as committee co-chair of Focus, Macomb's Education & Workforce Development Committee. A long-time supporter of the American Heart Association, she serves on the leadership committees for the American Heart Walk and the Go Red for Women initiative.

Madam Speaker, it has been my pleasure to work alongside Barbara on issues relating to

health care and as varied as higher education and local transportation. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Barbara Rossmann for her commitment to excellence, as well as her professional and personal devotion to her community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KEITH ELLISON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 10, 2007

Mr. ELLISON. Madam Speaker, on September 26, 2007, I inadvertently failed to vote on H. Res. 678 (rollcall No. 909), had I voted, I would have voted "aye."

A PROCLAMATION HONORING HELEN FLORENCE BAYLEY ON HER 105TH BIRTHDAY

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 10, 2007

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Mrs. Bayley has been a devoted mother and wife, mentor, confidant and friend to many; and

Whereas, Mrs. Bayley has demonstrated values of hard work and dedication throughout her life, always maintaining a positive outlook; and

Whereas, she has an unwavering passion for baseball; and

Whereas, Mrs. Bayley's character and faith has been appreciated for enhancing all of those she has come into contact with; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That along with her friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I wish Florence Bayley a happy and healthy 105th birthday. We recognize the tremendous impact she has had in her community and in the lives of all those people she has touched.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 55TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR OF HOLY TRINITY UKRAINIAN AUTOCEPHALOUS ORTHODOX CHURCH

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 10, 2007

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 55th year of Holy Trinity Ukrainian Autocephalous Orthodox Church in North Royalton, Ohio. In the time Holy Trinity has been in existence, it has served the Ukrainian community of greater Cleveland well. It has brought a community together in a spirit of caring and love for others.

Holy Trinity has served as the site for hundreds of christenings, marriages, funerals and holidays in its 55 years. In addition, it has hosted many concerts, festivals, picnics, fundraisers, and other Ukrainian-oriented functions. As people have immigrated to the United States from Ukraine, Holy Trinity has served

as a vital link between the Ukraine and the United States for the Ukrainian community in Cleveland.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognizing Holy Trinity Ukrainian Autocephalous Orthodox Church for its 55 years as a cornerstone of Cleveland's Ukrainian community and a shining example of spiritual guidance.

HONORING NAILAH OLIANI FRANKLIN

HON. JESSE L. JACKSON, JR.

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 10, 2007

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Ms. Nailah Oliani Franklin, an extraordinary young woman who was raised in the 2nd Congressional District of Illinois.

On September 19, 2007, hundreds of people began the search for Nailah Franklin after she did not show up for a meeting at work. Unfortunately, the search concluded 9 days later on September 27, 2007, when police discovered her body in a wooded area in Calumet City, Illinois. Her disappearance captured the heart of many in the Chicagoland region and others across the country.

During the week she was missing, a grassroots campaign led her story into the national media. More than 2,000 people filled the sanctuary and vestibules of Trinity United Church of Christ on Chicago's South Side to help celebrate her life. "Even today Nailah is bringing people together," stated family member Marina Franklin.

Nailah Franklin was a gift from God, whose life was cut too short. We will all relish in the impact she left on her family, friends and all that came in contact with her spirit, elegance, courage and strength.

Nailah was born on April 12, 1979, to Maria and Lee Franklin, in Highland Park, Illinois. Her name which means "one who succeeds" is a testament to the life she lived. Her confidence and intelligence earned good grades at Homewood—Floosmor High School, where she ran track and was on the Voyager newspaper staff. In 1997, Nailah graduated from Homewood—Floosmor High School and enrolled at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, my law school alma mater.

She remained active in many activities during college. She wrote for the Daily Illini student newspaper, co-hosted a jazz and neo-soul music show on the student run WBML FM, tutored local high school students and assisted with football recruiting. She received her bachelor's degree in advertising in 2001. She then returned to Chicago and began working for advertising giant Leo Burnett. Later, she joined Eli Lilly & Co. in 2006 as a pharmaceutical sales representative.

Her family described her as a force to be reckoned with. A presence. Someone who wasn't afraid to speak her mind, try new things and set the bar high for herself and those around her. "She was strong, resilient, vivacious, opinionated and above all, fashionable. A 'girlie-girl,' she loved her family and friends, fashion, spa visits, music and anything and everything related to Oprah. She was exceptional without being ruthless," her family noted.